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Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted" Arrested in Nevada

The Washington State Patrol announces the arrest of Marcel Hevai Choux by the Washington State Patrol and U.S. Marshal's Service. Choux (known to the WSP by his alias of Aric Cevant) was being sought by the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force (PNWFAT) and was taken into custody without incident by U.S. Marshals in Gardnerville, NV.

According to Washington State Patrol Criminal Investigation Division (CID) detectives, Choux was driving while under the influence of intoxicants on December 10, 2000. Choux failed to negotiate a curve and left the road, striking a tree and severely injuring two of his three passengers. Choux fled the state of Washington during the course of this felony investigation for Vehicular Assault.

The investigating WSP CID detective contacted the Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force after Choux had been placed on the Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted" Web site. PNWFAT personnel located Choux in Nevada and requested the assistance of U.S. Marshal deputies in Choux's apprehension.

Choux, after learning that the U.S. Marshals were pursuing his arrest, contacted the investigating deputy and stated that he would continue to evade apprehension. Shortly thereafter, PNWFAT learned that Choux was employed as a manager and chef at a local restaurant in the city of Gardnerville. Deputies arrested Choux without incident after he left his residence and traveled to a local convenience store. Choux was transported to the Douglas County, NV, jail and booked as a fugitive from justice in order to initiate extradition proceedings to Washington State.

Choux's arrest is another example of the professional dedication to the pursuit of justice by the men and women of the Washington State Patrol and the U.S. Marshal Service. The PNWFAT is a U.S. Marshal-sponsored partnership comprised of investigators from the King County Sheriff's Office, Seattle Police Department, Washington State Department of Corrections, Washington State Patrol, and the U.S. Marshal's Service.

For more information on the Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted," go to the WSP Web site at www.wsp.wa.gov.

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